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SUBJECT: MAPUTO UN CONFERENCE: SPEECH BY RUSSIAN DELEGATE

1. RUSSIAN CHIEF DELEGATE TO MAPUTO UN CONFERENCE (USSR AMBASSADOR TO MOZAMBIQUE PETR EVSIUKOV) ADDRESSED CONFERENCE MORNING MAY 18. EVSIUKOV CALLED SMITH REGIME A "PUPPET OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION," AND TERMED WESTERN EFFORTS TO FIND NEGOTIATED SOLUTION "IMPERIALIST AND COLONIALIST MANEUVERS TO MAINTAIN POWER IN RHODESIA."

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2. EVSIUKOV SAID COLONIALISM AND RACISM ARE BECOMING CAUSES OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION, AND SAID SOUTHERN AFRICA HAS BECOME "ONE OF THE DANGER POINTS IN THE WORLD." THE WEST, HE STATED, SAYS THE PROBLEM IS NOT RACISM BUT THE ARMED STRUGGLE. THE SOVIET UNION REJECTS THIS VIEW.

3. ALLING FOR END TO SUPPORT OF RACIST REGIMES,

EVSIUKOV ACCUSED NATO COUNTRIES OF CONTINUING TO GIVE ALL KINDS OF AID TO RACIST REGIMES, AND SAID THE MINORITY REGIMES DEPEND ON WESTERN MONOPOLIES AND MULTINATIONAL FIRMS.

4. THE SOVIET POSITION ON LIBERATION WAS CLEAR, EVSIUKOV SAID: THE USSR WILL SUPPORT PEOPLES FIGHTING FOR LIBERATION. HOWEVER, WHILE DOING SO, THE USSR DOES NOT SEEK ADVANTAGES FOR ITSELF, NOR DOES IT SEEK MILITARY BASES.

5. DETENTE DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE ANTI-COLONIALIST DRIVE, ON CONTRARY IT CAN CONTRIBUTE.

6. THE RACIST REGIMES ARE RECEIVING SUPPORT FROM WEST, PARTICULARLY THE UK. WHAT WE NEED IS ENFORCEMENT AND EXPANSION OF SANCTIONS.

7. THE USSR SUPPORTS THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND DEMANDS THE TRANSFER OF POWER IN ZIMBABWE TO THE "PATRIOTIC FORCES." WESTERN SUPPORT FOR TALKS ABOUT PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS DELAY THE FINAL SOLUTION, HE STATED.

8. REGARDING NAMIBIA, EVSIUKOV STATED SWAPO IS THE GENUINE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOUTHWEST AFRICAN PEOPLE. THE USSR CONDEMNS WESTERN COUNTRIES FOR ALL TYPES OF AID GIVEN TO SOUTH AFRICA AS IT ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH A NEO-COLONIALIST REGIME IN SOUTHWEST AFRICA. THE USSR SUPPORTS CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA, AND CALLED FOR FREE ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA UNDER UN SUPERVISION AND CONTROL.
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9. IN RESPONSE TO EARLIER BLISTERING CHINESE ATTACK ON USSR "SINISTER DESIGNS" ON AFRICA, EVSIUKOV DENOUNCED THE CHINESE STATEMENTS, SAYING THAT THE "AIM OF THE CHINESE IS TO PREVENT CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS OF UN CONFERENCE TO THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE."

10. MANY OBSERVERS FOUND EVSIUKOV'S REACTION TO CHINESE ATTACK MILD, JUDGING BY PREVIOUS SOVIET REJOINDERS. ONE REASON MAY HAVE BEEN THAT RUSSIAN SPEECH FOLLOWED ONLY 15 MINUTES AFTER CHINESE ADDRESS. SOVIETS MAY NOT HAVE HAD TIME TO PREPARE A LENGTHIER OR MORE THOUGHTFUL RESPONSE. MOREOVER, EVSIUKOV IS MILD MANNERED MAN NOT GIVEN TO HISTRIONICS.
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